

The Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear The Federal Communications Commission,

Congratulations on your appointment to Chair the FCC. In your new leadership role, I urge you to support the "Fair Share Plan" as a solution to current concerns with the Universal Service Fund (USF). The Fair Share Plan will keep the USF fair, ensuring that consumers like me do not pay the same rate into the USF as big businesses, regardless of how little I may use long distance. Private individuals don't use long distance enough to bear the burden in increasing tax revenue for this country.

Already I am heavily taxed and supporting various funds with my state of Maine's portion of my bill as well as a federal access charge and other taxes mandated by the FEDS that total more than my monthly usage flat bills! At these continuing rates of taxes I will be forced to discontinue my telephone usage and you won't have that revenue coming in. So PLEASE don't raise our fees even higher or limit what access I have using my tracfone.

The Keep USF Fair Coalition submitted the Fair Share Plan to the FCC on January 31, 2005. It expands who pays into the USF so that other technologies - not just phones - pay into the system. The Fair Share Plan collects the USF using a combination numbers- and revenue-based plan. This keeps the system fair, equitable and non-discriminatory.

I urge you to keep the USF fair, and adopt the Fair Share Plan. Thank you, and best of luck in your new position.

cc: Marlene Dortch, Secretary

Sincerely,

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